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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMB. SCALIS STATEMENT TO
SECURITY COUNCIL OCT. 21 FOLLOWING SUBMISSION OF
DRAFT RESOLUTION REPORTED SEPTEL.

BEGIN TEXT

MR. PRESIDENT

THE UNITED STATES, TOGETHER WITH THE USSR, HAS CALLED FOR
THIS MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WITH ONE PURPOSE IN MIND:
TO TAKE JOINT ACTION AND TO PRESENT A JOINT PROPOSITION TO THE
COUNCIL WHOSE AIM IS TO BRING AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE IN PLACE

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AND TO BEGIN PROMPTLY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES UNDER APPROPRIATE AUSPICES LOOKING TOWARDS A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE BASED ON THE NOVEMBER 1967 SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION.

AS THE MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL KNOW, THE TRAGIC FIGHTING OVER THE PAST 17 DAYS HAS BEEN BOTH FURIOUS AND COSTLY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROLONGATION OF THE WAR IS NOT IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PARTIES OR THE PEOPLES IN THE AREA, AND ITS CONTINUANCE CARRIES GRAVE RISKS FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD. BECAUSE OF THIS, PRESIDENT NIXON AGREED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER SHOULD FLY TO MOSCOW, IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION OF SECRETARY GENERAL BREZHNEV. AS A RESULT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS THE COUNCIL HAS BEFORE IT THE RESOLUTION AGREED JOINTLY BY THE US AND THE SOVIET GOVERNMENTS ON WHICH BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACTION ON THE PART OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE RESOLUTION HAS ALREADY BEEN CIRCULATED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

LET ME MAKE A FEW BRIEF REMARKS REGARDING THE THREE SHORT PARAGRAPHS OF THE RESOLUTION, FOR THEY ALL STAND CLEARLY ON THEIR OWN WORDS AND SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

THE FIRST PARAGRAPH CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE. IN OUR VIEW AS WELL AS THAT OF THE SOVIET UNION, THIS APPLIES NOT ONLY TO THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED BUT ALSO TO THOSE WHO HAVE JOINED IN THE FIGHTING BY SENDING UNITS. THIS PARAGRAPH CALLS FOR THE STOPPING OF FIGHTING IN THE POSITIONS PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY THE TWO SIDES. WE BELIEVE THAT 12 HOURS SHOULD ALLOW AMPLE TIME TO ACHIEVE THE PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

THE SECOND PARAGRAPH CALLS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION IN ALL OF ITS PARTS AFTER THE CEASEFIRE. THE MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL AS WELL AS THE PARTIES CONCERNED ARE FULLY FAMILIAR WITH SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 AND IT NEEDS NO ELABORATION HERE. THIS PARAGRAPH IS LINKED TO PARAGRAPH 3 WHICH CALLS FOR THE IMMEDIATE BEGINNING OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED UNDER APPROPRIATE AUSPICES AIMED AT ESTABLISHING A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE BELIEVE THAT FROM THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF THE PAST SEVENTEEN DAYS THERE MUST BE A NEW RESOLVE, A NEW ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THE FUNDAMENTAL CAUSES THAT HAVE BROUGHT WAR TO THE

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MIDDLE EAST SO FREQUENTLY AND SO TRAGICALLY. ANOTHER RESPITE BETWEEN TWO WARS IS JUST NOT GOOD ENOUGH. AND FOR OUR PART, BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE READY TO MAKE OUR JOINT GOOD OFFICES AVAILABLE TO THE PARTIES AS A MEANS TO FACILITATE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

FINALLY, I WANT TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL THAT BOTH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES BELIEVE THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN IMMEDIATE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE BELIEVE THIS IS AN HISTORIC MOMENT FOR THE COUNCIL. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS COUNCIL, IN EXERCISING ITS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FIELD OF PEACE AND SECURITY, CAN MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THIS END BY ADOPTING THIS RESOLUTION PROMPTLY. END TEXT:
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